

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v.

CESAR CRUZ VARGAS,

Defendant.

No. 19-CR-635

ORDER

RONNIE ABRAMS, United States District Judge:

On January 25, 2022, Mr. Vargas's attorney Calvin H. Scholar submitted the attached letter explaining that he has had difficulty visiting his client due to COVID restrictions and requesting more time to translate and review materials with Mr. Vargas in preparation for sentencing. The Court granted his request and ordered him to submit a status letter no later than March 28, 2022.

On March 9, 2022, the Court received a letter from Mr. Vargas seeking a new attorney. He asserts that Mr. Scholar has not visited him in months and that it would be preferable if he had an attorney with whom he could communicate in Spanish.

In the upcoming status letter, Mr. Scholar shall update the Court on his efforts to translate materials and visit Mr. Vargas, as well as when and how often he has enlisted the assistance of an interpreter.

The Clerk of Court is respectfully requested to send a copy of this order to Mr. Vargas at WCDOC, P-257695, Post Office Box 10, Valhalla, New York 10595.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 11, 2022
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ronnie Abrams', is written over a horizontal line.

Ronnie Abrams
United States District Judge



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The Honorable Ronnie Abrams
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Application granted. The parties shall submit a status letter by March 28, 2022.

SO ORDERED.

RE: *United States v. Cesar Cruz Vargas*
19 Cr. 635 (RA)


Ronnie Abrams, U.S.D.J.
January 26, 2022

Dear Judge Abrams:

I represent the defendant, Cesar Cruz Vargas, in the above referenced matter, having been appointed pursuant to the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act ("CJA"), 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. I am writing to provide the Court with a status update as to the representation of Mr. Vargas. The defense met with Mr. Vargas at the Westchester County Jail where Mr. Vargas currently resides. Based upon Mr. Vargas' requests, the defense obtained various documents from the Government. The defense is currently reviewing the documents to determine which portions should be translated for Mr. Vargas as he only speaks Spanish. Unfortunately, due to the rise in COVID-19 cases and transmission rates, the Westchester County Jail suspended all visitation for over one month. The defense respectfully requests that the Court adjourn this matter to allow counsel and Mr. Vargas to continue to review the material so that he can prepare for sentencing. For the aforementioned reasons, the defense respectfully requests that the Court permit the defense to submit an additional status update letter in late March 2022. The Government does not object to this request.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Calvin H. Scholar

United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York